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## VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5080

Dear Mr. Rigsby:

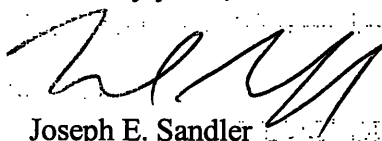
The undersigned represents the Democratic National Committee ("DNC"), the 1996 Democratic National Convention Committee ("DNCC"), as well as Andrew Tobias, as Treasurer, in the above referenced matter. Mr. Tobias is not currently available. Accordingly, a Statement of Designation of Counsel authorizing the undersigned to represent the DNC, DNCC and Andrew Tobias, will be forwarded to your office as soon as possible.

On September 18, 2000, the DNC and DNCC received a letter from the Federal Election Commission, which notified the DNC DNCC that it had found "reason to believe" that the DNC had violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in connection with the costs of certain hotel rooms during the 1996 Democratic National Convention. In the Commission's letter, the DNC was provided with fifteen (15) days to submit any factual or legal materials it believed to be relevant to the Commission's consideration of the matter.

On behalf of the DNC, DNCC and Mr. Tobias, we respectfully request an extension of fifteen (15) days in which to file such factual and legal materials with the Commission. This extension of time will permit our office to further research the facts surrounding this matter, as well as contact Mr. Scott Pastrick, who is no longer an officer of the DNC or DNCC. Accordingly, if the Commission were to grant an extension to the respondents, their response to the Commission's letter would be provided to the Commission no later than October 18, 2000.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



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